

Army Sustainability Committee (ASC)
Meeting Minutes

26 October 2006

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Doug Warnock (ODEP) began by welcoming members to the meeting and reviewing the agenda (Enclosure 1). He noted that COL Phillips was out for the week at Darden III and unable to attend. He then had each attendee and conference call participant introduce themselves, and asked all attendees to mark the attendance sheet (Enclosure 2) and make necessary corrections to the listed contact information if needed.

Review 31 August 2006 Meeting Minutes

Doug Warnock next asked the group if any changes were needed to the minutes from the 31 August 2006 meeting. No one had any comments at this time, so the group approved the minutes with no additional changes. LMI will ensure that the final minutes are posted to the Army sustainability website.

Other ASC members then updated the group as listed on the agenda: old business, new business, and wrap-up.

Old Business

Army Sustainability Video Distribution Status

Doug Warnock next updated the group on the distribution status of the sustainability video. He noted that Ed Engbert (AEC) who normally provides the update would be leaving AEC for a new position at the Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA). Ed was the principal driver behind development of the video. ODEP provided FY06 EOY funds to procure 5,001 copies of the video. Of those, 2,500 will go to the Defense Visual Information Center (DVIC) for distribution to non-military customers, and the rest to AEC who will assist with distribution to military customers.

Copies of the video are going to the NGB-ARNG, USACE, IMCOM Regions, AUSA, etc. The IMCOM NE Region will distribute copies at the upcoming Environmental Council of States (ECOS) meeting. Copies are also going to Kevin Palmer. ASC members can use the sustainability website URL link to order copies from DVIC. Rachael Dagovitz (IMCOM) suggested that she take copies to the 9 Nov 06 SBLM; Doug said that Ed could get the copies for her. He also noted that COL Balocki (DEP) will take some to the upcoming Garrison Commander's Conference.

Lastly, Doug announced that Ed Engbert received a high-level HQDA award for his work in developing the video. COL Phillips recommended him for the award and also formally presented it to him.

ASE Strategic Plan Status Update

John Fittipaldi (AEPI) next updated the group on the status of the strategic plan. He pointed out that Carl Scott (ODASA (ESOH)) is currently staffing the final draft plan. Carl has also been working through COL Smith (DAS) to get the right number and level of participants at Darden.

John also noted that the Army will create a Council of Colonels (COC) from across the ARSTAF each of whom will have various sustainability responsibilities. They will also monitor how well we are doing at implementing the strategic plan. LTC Mike Speth (NGB-ARNG) asked how often the COC would meet. John indicated that they are still working on the details of its operating procedures. The COC may also be formally chartered like the ASC. Ultimately, the ASC may be replaced by the COC and become a working group or committee under it. COL Phillips will be the ACSIM representative on the COC.

John also noted that at Darden III which is currently underway at Carlisle Barracks, participants are being asked to develop “elevator speeches” describing what their respective organizations will look like after they have implemented sustainability.

New Business

National Graphic Design Award for the Sustainability Website

Doug announced that LMI, OACSIM, and the Army Sustainability Website jointly won a 2006 American Graphic Design Award. Sponsored and presented by New York-based Graphic Design USA magazine, the annual competition is now in its 44th year. As highlighted in the award notification letter, “this competition is among the most prestigious as well as open and democratic of all such events. It is among the most selective, too, as only 10% of the thousands of entries were honored this year.” Doug congratulated the group and thanked them for their contribution to winning the award. Chris Werle (LMI) also noted that we have submitted an article on the website design award to the Army News Service for publication. Doug also pointed out that we are planning to submit the sustainability video for 3 different awards this year.

Upcoming Installation Sustainability Workshops

Doug stated that beginning this FY, the DEP no longer has access to discretionary funding that has been used in the past to fund these workshops. In view of this, COL Balocki wants to develop a work plan of sorts to identify and prioritize projects. Doug requested and received FY06 funding to sponsor 4 workshops at HI Garrison, Europe (TBD Garrison), Anniston Army Depot, and the PA ARNG. In addition, he secured FY07 funding to sponsor 4 more workshops at Fort Detrick and TBD Garrisons in Europe, ARNG, and AMC. It is very significant that HQDA is now funding these workshops instead of FORSCOM and IMCOM Regions as has been done in the past. He also noted that at the HI Garrison the Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office is driving the sustainability effort, rather than the environmental office.

LTC Nasir Siddique (ODEP) asked if we are planning to invite the other Services and EPA to the workshops. Doug noted that HI is already doing this, and that they usually

attend the 3rd in the series of 4 workshops where overall attendance is greatest. John Fittipaldi pointed out that Mr. Davis wants the Army to move out in the lead on this and then get the other Components to come on board. LTC Speth noted that the HI TAG addressed participants at the June workshop. Lisa Trembly (IMCOM) reminded everyone that we have 12 joint bases standing up over the next year, and that we all should be partnering in this area.

LTC Speth also pointed out that if the new Executive Order gets signed everyone will have to get on board with sustainability. Will Garvey who is on the EO 13148 WG at EPA has said that the 2nd review of the draft EO is complete and therefore it should be finalized and issued before the end of the CY. The new EO will require agencies to use EMS to implement sustainability, fleet and energy management, etc. It also establishes related goals, objectives, and targets. MAJ Jason Hamby (NGB-ARNG/IMCOM LNO) said he would be happy to brief the ASC on the provisions of the EO at the next meeting.

On Nov 7, Doug and COL Phillips will go to Fort Detrick to brief on sustainability. COL Phillips will also travel to HI to do the same. Fort Carson will hold its 5th annual sustainability conference from 8-9 Nov 06, where Mr. Davis will be speaking. Doug will send out the URL for those who want to learn more and/or register for the conference.

Rachael Dagovitz asked if the sustainability website has a calendar function. It does, but it is not currently being used. Everyone agreed that it would be a good idea to start using it to track upcoming events. LTC Siddique also suggested that we add an upcoming events list to the website, and also add the URL for the website to the agenda (e.g., at the bottom of the page) for each ASC meeting.

MAJ Hamby asked if the Army is going to issue LEED certification requirements for new construction. This has already been done and it will be incorporated into the revised AR 200-1. The requirement is for all new construction to meet the Silver LEED standard beginning in FY08. They will be adding 3% to all 1391's to provide adequate cushion to cover this new requirement. Someone will probably talk to this during the DPW track at IMI. Jason stated that if you talk about LEED in terms of the energy and water conservation component and the related cost savings, it really hits home at installations as being something they should do.

Annette Stump (CERL) asked if we use a portal tool to expedite website updates. Because of the AKO firewall, we probably do not, but Chris will check with Terry Schmitt to confirm one way or the other. He will also check to see about setting up a link to AKO to enable use of its discussion forum function.

Bob Shakeshaft (AEC) noted that AEC is ready to upload a complete revision of the P2 section of the website. He is already working with Terry Schmitt at LMI to accomplish the update in the near future. ASC members are encouraged to check out the new site information prior to the next meeting, and Bob will plan to speak on this topic as well.

Annette also mentioned that Dr. Bill Goran (CERL) is developing a Center for Application of Sustainable Innovation at CERL. She will send more information to Doug and will also see if Dr. Goran might be available to brief the ASC at the next meeting.

MAJ Hamby volunteered to start working on an outline for an installation sustainability workshop SOP. He will prepare a draft and send it out to ASC members in advance of the next meeting.

Army Installation Management Institute (IMI) 2007 Status Update

Doug handed out a spreadsheet with the proposed course line up (Enclosure 3) for the 8-12 Jan 2007 IMI sustainability track. He pointed out that each day would have a specific focus: Monday - leadership and the ASE; Tuesday – energy; Wednesday – sustainable ranges, INRMPs, and ACUB; Thursday – ISR, EQT, and green procurement/acquisition; and Friday – strategic planning and sustainability guidance. This year there will also be more practical exercises for hands-on application and less PPT briefings. He encouraged everyone to register and attend.

John Fittipaldi stressed the importance of integrating sustainability into the other functional tracks; it is not just an environmental responsibility.

Wrap-up and Next Meeting

Doug thanked the attendees for their participation and reminded everyone that because of the upcoming holidays, the next meeting will be held on 14 Dec 06, from 1300-1500 in the same building location (Presidential Towers) with the room number to be determined.

Before dismissing the group, he recounted the potential agenda items for the 14 Dec 06 meeting, which were as follows:

- COL Balocki will come to share his vision for the Army Environmental Program and sustainability;
- Dave Eady will brief on his ongoing work with the NDCEE sustainable installations initiative;
- Bob Shakeshaft will brief on the update to the P2 section of the website;
- MAJ Hamby will brief on the draft new EO, and will also present his outline for the sustainability workshop SOP;
- We will ask Bill Goran to brief on his Center for Application of Sustainable Innovation initiative;
- We will ask Paul Martin and/or Tim Alexander from AEC to update us on the Range Aspects and Impacts Assessment Tool; and
- COL Phillips will discuss the new COC concept and his vision for how the ASC will support it, related chartering issues, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1405.

Enclosures:

- 1 – Agenda
- 2 – Attendees
- 3 – IMI Course Handout

Enclosure 1 – Agenda

Army Sustainability Committee Meeting Agenda ODEP Conference Room PT 9300 (9th Floor) Presidential Towers, Crystal City, VA

Thursday, 26 October 2006
1300-1500 hrs

Call in # 410-436-1000 (Conference Code 0915)

1300 – 1305	Welcome/Opening Remarks	Doug Warnock
1305 – 1310	Review August 2006 Meeting Minutes	Doug Warnock/All
1310 – 1350	Old Business a. Sustainability Video Distribution Status b. ASE Strategic Plan Status c. Other	Ed Engbert John Fittipaldi Doug Warnock/All
1350 – 1450	New Business a. Website Graphic Design USA Award b. Upcoming Workshops c. Other	Doug Warnock Doug Warnock Doug Warnock/All
1450 – 1500	Wrap-up, assign tasks/schedule, and set next meeting date	Doug Warnock

The purposes of this meeting are to:

- 1) update the ASC on issues raised at last meeting;
- 2) update the ASC on distribution of the Sustainability Video;
- 3) discuss status of the ASE Strategic Plan;
- 4) discuss the recent Graphic Design USA Award to the sustainability website; and
- 5) discuss upcoming sustainability workshops
- 6) identify further tasks the ASC should undertake in support of installation sustainability and assign responsibility for achieving them.

Next ASC Meeting Thu, 14 Dec 06

Enclosure 2 - ASC Meeting Attendees (31 Aug 06)

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Enclosure 3 – IMI 2007 Sustainability Track Schedule, 8-12 Jan 07

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0800-0900	General Session	Army Energy Campaign/D. Juhasz	Sustainable Range Management/J. Vanderhort/K. Evenstad	ISR Natural Infrastructure/L. Walrath	Strategic Planning and Sustainability/ P. Jessup
0900-0950	General Session	"What's new in Energy Technologies/D. Juhasz +PE	Sustainable Range Management/J. Vanderhort/ K.Evenstad	EQT- AERTA - L. Walrath/ K. Dilks	"Fortress Bragg" on Sustaina COL G. Bean
0950-1000	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
1000-1100	General Session	Low Impact Development/ J. Graine	Range/Mod/RCMP/Managem ent/J. Vanderhort/K. Evenstad	Installation Technology/ P. Columbus	Sustainability Guide
1100-1150	General Session	Sustainable Facilities Design and Development/ J. Scharl	Range/Mod/RCMP/Managem ent/J. Vanderhort/K. Evenstad/ K. Baker	Practical Exercise	Wrap Up/ Critique/Certificat
1200-1300	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Conference Ends
1300-1400	Leadership Sustainability Video and Intro/COL Phillips	Facility Removal Operations/E. Engbert & /T. Napier	Integrated Natural Resource Management Plans/ R. Decker & Beaty	Green Procurement/ B. Martin	
1400-1450	Sustainability 501/D. Warnock	PE for Low Impact/Sustainable Fac & Design/Facilities removal	ACUB/LTC Knott & S. Belfit	Acquisition programs/ B. Tagalicod	
1450-1500	Break	Break	Break	Break	
1500-1600	Sustainability 501/D. Messenger	Alternative Fuels Programs- Benefits & Cost/ Mark Hampton	Practical Exercise	Technological Sustainability in Weapon System Acquisition ams G. Evans	
1600-1700	Army Strategy for the Env/ K. Baker	Alternative Fuels Programs- Benefits & Cost/ Mark Hampton + PE	Practical Exercise	Practical Exercise	Enclosure 3

